

8, Warrford Court, London,

24th Sept. 1855.

Monday Morning

My dear Gray,

I regret extremely your unfortunate Malady, & equally the very unlucky chance which appears, at though it would preclude the possibility of your introduction to my family, to which I have looked forward with very much pleasure - This is the state of affairs - In consequence of some little painting which we are doing at home, we remain for the present, at Blackheath, & as Mr & Mrs Simon are both out of town until Friday, I am quite tied up at the Country Ho. during business hours, so that I cannot

come up to you at Kew - In addition  
to this I am engaged to dinner on  
Wed. & Thursday - so what to do I  
know not - but I feel greatly annoyed  
at the unlucky occurrence (most  
unusual) of my being from home  
& my partner away from London.

Perhaps I shall hope, since  
better may not be, that you  
will not sail this month, in  
which case I shall hope to see  
something of you & the good Cherry.

I will talk to Pratt about  
your ideas - I wish to make some  
few changes, & will also add  
what the enlarged geographical limit  
requires - but, let me submit (mind  
submit, only) that N. Car. ought  
to be included, if you take in  
Tennessee as it is only the mere  
sea-board part of the former  
that is to the Southward of the  
So. line of Tennessee.

I know not how I can get  
up to Piccadilly, this week -  
situated as I am, yet I much  
wish to see G. L. - give my kind  
regards to him, & please also  
my best respects to Sir W. J. M.  
I wish very much to see him  
also, & renew a former (too  
slight) acquaintance - but somehow  
or other, I never get out of  
London - I have engaged to  
accompany dear Pratt to  
Kew, but nothing has come  
of it, as yet -

Yours, in great haste  
J. A. H.